



TUESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 19, 1902.

AND NOW it appears that the construction of the proposed Panama canal will afford opportunities for the formation of other big "combinations" which the capitalists of the north are embracing with their usual promptness in such matters. These capitalists who are manufacturers and contractors have awakened to the fact that two or three hundred million dollars of government money can be divided among them. They are all now busy forming combinations, so there will be no destructive competition, but each participant will obtain the full benefit of his share. A few days after the canal bill was signed by the President, Senator Hanna sent out this declaration:

The manufacturers of this country have not yet waked up to what the building of this canal means to them. They don't realize the great amount of machinery, tools of all kinds and construction material that will be required.

The national association of manufacturers took up this utterance from Senator Hanna. A delegation of men representing the manufacturers' association went to Oyster Bay, saw President Roosevelt, urged haste and said the work of construction should be expedited.

Unprecedented activity has been manifested by those who will be beneficiaries of the canal construction and it is understood that among them will be the dredgers, the transportation lines, electric light plants, manufacturers of mechanical tools and appliances of all kinds, the dealers in stone, cement, steel, iron, &c. Millions of dollars will also be expended in feeding and clothing the army of workmen employed on the canal from eight to twelve years.

Canned goods of all descriptions and food supplies of every kind will be purchased in this country. Certain forms of clothing, boots, shoes and rubber goods will be needed. Medical stores will give even the druggists a chance and all who are fortunate enough to get into the ring will probably make sufficient money to last them the remainder of their lives.

FOR SOME TIME past the United States Senate has been spoken of as a "millionaires' club," for the reason that in every section of the country, except the South, it is almost impossible for a man of ordinary means to be elected a Senator. This, in a democratic country, is bad enough in all conscience, but some of the millionaire Senators have conceived the idea of making the Senate an hereditary body and in all probability their money will enable them to succeed if they combine and form a trust. The first movement in this direction was made and successfully executed by the late Senator Cameron of Pennsylvania, who, by means of his money, had his son, Donald Cameron, elected to succeed him when he retired from the Senate. What has once been done can be done again and now it is stated that for some years past the late Senator McMillan, of Michigan, had his son in training to succeed him and that, by the liberal use of his millions he would have stepped down and out when his term expired and let the younger McMillan take his place in the Senate.

The death of the Senator may not interfere with this plan for intelligence from Michigan is to the effect that young McMillan is of the opinion that "by rights" he should succeed his father in the Senate and that he may yet do so. There is also a report that Senator Quay, of Pennsylvania, is growing weary of the Senate and is planning to have his son succeed him in that body. The Senator is rich, holds the whip hand in republican politics in his State and there is every reason to believe that should he really wish to do so he can place his toga upon his son's shoulders and retire from the Senate. Other Senators are said to entertain the hereditary ideas and the name of the next one to announce them is awaited with interest.

As was suggested yesterday, Washingtonians who exhibited so much interest in what was said to be going on in Rosslyn on Sundays have discovered that the latest infractions of the Sunday law were carried on by a club from that city. It is charged that not only adults but children were furnished with beer last Sunday—that is, parents purchased it from the club and gave it to their offspring. The excuse for all this is that the club is made up of Germans and that in the old country people take their families to beer gardens where the members drink ad libitum. All this may be true, but it seems that sentiment stirred up in Washington by papers of that city effectually closed the licensed bars in Rosslyn and gave a German club from the capital city a monopoly for the sale of liquor in a Virginia city on the Lord's day. For many years Washington papers have seen much on this side of the Potomac to shock the moral sensibilities of the people of the city in which the offenses are published. They see mountains

in the mole hill at Rosslyn where they claim drinks are sometimes sold on Sunday, while thousands of the population of Washington, male and female, overlook half a dozen steamboats every Lord's day and hie themselves to river resorts where liquor flows almost as water and men and women risk their lives in balloon ascensions, shooting chutes, patronizing roller-coasters, &c. These proceedings are carried on late into the night, when the steamers proceed homeward with tired looks by reason of the many trips made during the day. Of course all the stimulants needed can be procured on these steamers. When people are exercised over the acts of their neighbors nine times out of ten they engage in or tolerate things more questionable than those they accuse others of.

ADVICES from portions of the Philippine Islands represent anything else than pacific conditions. American troops have again been attacked by natives and, from reading between the lines, it would appear the former received the worst of it from the fact that it is incidentally mentioned that the enemy returned to the field and carried off their dead and wounded. Additional preparations are being made by the United States authorities to carry on the war of conquest, the end of which will not appear in sight to the present generation.

IN MENTIONING the names of those spoken of in connection with the republican nomination for Congress in this district the name of Mr. Strother yesterday was inadvertently used for that of Mr. W. K. Skinner, of Fauquier county.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]
Washington, D. C., August 19.

The name of Attorney General Knox is being mentioned here today as a possible successor to Associate Justice Shiras, who, according to Pittsburgh dispatches, is to retire shortly from the Supreme Court bench. Mr. Knox, if appointed, would be the youngest member of the court. The fact that he is from Pennsylvania, the same State as Justice Shiras, is one point in his favor. It is known that the President has great confidence in the attorney general's ability as a jurist and the appointment would not be a surprise in Washington.

At the office of the auditor for the War Department it is asserted that the government will not lose a cent by errors in quartermaster's accounts at Manila. If they are unable to obtain reimbursement from the lighter people then, they say, they will fall back on the quartermaster and his sureties and express no fear of being unable to collect on the bonds. There seems to be some difference of opinion on this point. The auditor apparently believes that the bonds are good but Judge Advocate General Davis holds that promotion vacates the liability on the old bond.

The quartermaster department declares that the officers were ready to put up new bonds and that the treasury officials, knowing the legal provision in the matter, should have enforced it.

The State Department today received a dispatch from U. S. Consul Smith at Cairo to the effect that cholera has been spreading to an alarming extent in Egypt. In one province 78 cases with 38 deaths have been reported. The disease has not yet appeared at Port Said or Suez. Two cases have developed at Alexandria and three at New Cairo.

Consternation reigns among the "sporty" element of the Treasury Department because of the recent reduction in salaries of three clerks who have been to land of poker. In one instance a clerk was reduced from \$1,800 to \$1,000.

The building operations of the District of Columbia during the fiscal year ended June 30, last, amounted to \$8,310,240. This was an increase of \$2,116,160 over the preceding year.

Congressman Griggs, chairman of the Democratic Congressional Committee, says that all his information from the district congressional districts of Virginia is that a solid delegation will be sent to Congress from that State by the democrats this fall. "I do not know a single district in which there is any real opposition," says Mr. Griggs.

Under the amnesty proclamation issued July 4 by the President General Chaffee reports to the War Department that he issued orders for the release of 138 political prisoners from the Presidio at Manila and 30 from the U. S. military prison at Languey, contingent upon their taking the oath of allegiance.

General Chaffee in promulgating to the troops the order issued by President Roosevelt on July 4 transferring control of the islands, excepting the Moro country, to the civil authorities, issued general instructions, copies of which reached the War Department today. The full text of the note of defiance sent the Americans by the Sultan of Bacolod, now in open warfare against the Americans, has also been received by the War Department.

The Treasury Department today made out a warrant in favor of the State of Maryland for \$6,578.32 and in favor of Kentucky for \$67,960.65, the last payments to be made these States on account of expenditures incurred in equipping troops, etc., for the Spanish-American war.

An order issued by General Chaffee in the Philippines July 13, which came to the War Department by mail today is interesting in the light of recent dispatches regarding the renewal of the troubles in Mindanao with the Moros. It says: "The second battalion of the 11th U. S. Infantry is assigned to duty in the Department of South Philippine, at Zamboanga or in the vicinity of Malabang, Mindanao. The battalion will be fully equipped for the field, the men to have 100 rounds of cartridges in their belts, and will be accompanied by three field mortars and 600 rounds of ammunition."

Extra session gossip has again been revived. The information has been guardedly disseminated by the President's southern trip, which he intended to take after the G. A. R. encampment, to be held the week of October 6, would probably be abandoned. The general impression is that the suggestion has some bearing upon Cuban reciprocity and that the President is preparing to remain here to renew the fight. So far as known here there is no important reason for abandoning the southwestern tour save a possible intention on the part of the President to call a special session of the Senate and to remain here while the treaty is under discussion.

STAFF MINING PROPERTY SOLD. Mr. Frank Blackburn, acting for J. L. Shackleford, the owner, on Saturday last sold to the National Copper Ore Company, of New York, a tract of land near Garrisonville, in Stafford county, known as the Pyrite Mine, which is said to be rich in iron and other ores. The National company will begin immediately to develop this property, and expect to put in a complete plant of machinery at an early date. [Fredericksburg Star.]

The Market.

Georgetown, Aug. 19.—Wheat 63.75.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

After meeting with determined resistance, the French authorities closed three more of the Catholic sisters' schools in Brittany, yesterday.

A fire destroyed the Easton Furniture Company's factory, in Easton, Md., yesterday, causing a loss of \$70,000 and throwing 80 men out of employment.

Representatives Babcock, Hull and Overstreet, all of whom are connected with the republican congressional committee, took dinner with the President yesterday.

At the session on the Supreme Lodge of Knights of Pythias in San Francisco yesterday the proposition to erect a sanitarium at Hot Springs, Ark., for sick and disabled knights was defeated.

The coal famine grows severer in New York and retailers expect to see the \$15 mark passed. The Manhattan elevated road has been driven into the English market. It is almost impossible to purchase any anthracite coal.

Dr. George Augustus Lang, surgeon of the United States navy, has been selected by the Navy Department for duty as surgeon to the President to succeed Dr. John F. Urie, who was made assistant chief of the bureau of medicine and surgery.

The will of the late Senator McMillan was filed for probate in Detroit yesterday. His estate is estimated to be worth between \$6,000,000 and \$10,000,000. A few charitable institutions are remembered, but the bulk of his property goes to his family.

The New York Shipbuilding Company has purchased 80,000 tons of manufactured iron and steel from the Lancashire Iron Company of Scotland. This is one of the largest orders for iron or steel given in this country to a foreign company. The order was placed on account of the scarcity of iron and steel in the United States.

News has been received at Rokoama that the small island of Toria Shima, between the Bonin Islands and the mainland of Japan, was overwhelmed by a volcano between the 13th and 15th of this month. There is no trace left of 150 inhabitants, which constituted the total population. The eruption is still possible. All the houses have been demolished and the island is covered with debris.

Will Brantley, who had been defying arrest for a year, was killed in a battle with a posse near Douglas, Ga., Sunday night. Brantley, a year ago, while in a buggy with his father, met in the road near Minnie, Irwin county, Dr. Fussell, who was in a buggy with his father-in-law, Mr. Young. Brantley, it is alleged, drew a gun and shot Dr. Fussell to death, claiming justification on the ground of alleged intimacy between Dr. Fussell and his brother's wife.

At the meeting of the Cuban Council of Secretaries yesterday Emilio Terry, Secretary of Agriculture, presented his resignation. It was not accepted. Senator Terry will have four days in which to reconsider his step. The resignation is commented upon variously in the local press. El Mundo says: Senator Terry resigned because he became disgusted with "the weak policy of the Government and because President Palma has not followed the plan he outlined when he landed at Gibara."

In a clash between striking mine workers and deputies at Nesquehoning, Pa., last night, Patrick Sharp, a striker, of Lansford, was shot and killed almost instantly by a deputy. The shooting caused considerable excitement for a time, but order was soon restored without any other persons being injured. A deputy named Harry McElroy was arrested charged with the killing of Sharp, and was taken to the county jail at Mauch Chunk. The shooting is said to have been caused by the deputies being jeered by the miners.

Keokuk, Iowa, was almost cut off from telegraphic and telephonic communication for the twenty-four hours ending yesterday afternoon, when some wires were again secured to surrounding towns. They brought a story of one of the hardest storms ever experienced in that section. Sunday afternoon lightning, wind and rain worked havoc all over the country around Keokuk except in the quadrant southwest in Missouri.

A score of towns in Hancock and adjoining counties in Illinois were hard hit, and about 100 farm houses and barns struck by lightning.

President Charles M. Schwab, of the United States Steel Corporation, has accepted the advice of physicians and decided to retire indefinitely from an active business life. He will leave America to seek some quiet nook in a foreign clime, where not an echo of the strenuous life he has led can reach him.

Though in the prime of life it is said that Mr. Schwab's health has been impaired, that his nervous system is shattered and that he needs a long rest from the cares and strain of business. Mr. Schwab is the highest salaried employee in the world. The impression prevails in Wall street that H. C. Frick will succeed Mr. Schwab as president of the billion dollar steel trust.

MORE TROUBLE IN THE PHILIPPINES. The Moros in Mindanao are renewing their attacks upon the outposts and pack trains of the American column at Lake Lanao. The Americans have successfully repulsed the Moro attacks and have suffered no losses. The commanders of the American forces in Mindanao report aggressive action against the Moros to be necessary, and ask permission to move against Bacolod and other strongholds of the hostile Mohammedans. There are about 2,000 American soldiers in Mindanao available for the desired aggressive movement. It is believed this number is sufficient to defeat the Moros, although it would possibly be necessary to strengthen their base before undertaking the movement. A force of native constabulary engaged a band of ladrones in a sharp fight last Saturday near Calocan, about four miles north of Manila. The arrival of re-enforcements for the constabulary won them the victory. Four members of the constabulary were killed and one was wounded. The ladrones left three of their number dead, but carried off their wounded. The chase of the Cavite ladrones through the mountains of that province continues. Forces of native constabulary have had encounters with the bands of Felizardo and Montalón. Several of the ladrones were killed or captured and a quantity of their supplies was destroyed.

Secretary of the Treasury Shaw, who attended school at Morrisville, Vermont, when a boy, spoke to a large concourse of his old friends and neighbors at that place this afternoon.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Mr. George Smith died on Saturday at his home in Haymarket.

Mr. George Upperson, jr., a prominent citizen of Culpeper county, died yesterday of cancer of the liver, aged 45 years.

The report of the discovery of an abundant flow of lithia water near the plant of the Loudoun Electric Light and Power Company at Leesburg, has created much excitement.

Mr. John Wine, of Culpeper county, yesterday, lost by fire his barn, stables and ensilage house, with all of the hay, wheat and harness and some agricultural implements. Loss, \$2,500; insurance, \$1,700.

The Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company is to build a double track between Petersburg and Chester, and the work was begun yesterday. The new track will in all probability be extended to Richmond.

Mr. J. P. Simpkins, an estimable citizen of East Radford, was fatally injured by being thrown from a buggy Saturday morning and died ten hours later. He was thirty-seven years old and leaves a widow and six children.

Mrs. Cornelia C. Petty, widow of the late Z. Petty and sister of the late Col. C. T. Crittenden, who commanded the Thirteenth Virginia Regiment of Jackson's Division during the civil war, died suddenly of heart disease at her home in Culpeper county, yesterday, aged 76 years.

A petition, it is said, is to be presented to Governor Montague in the next day or two, asking the executive to call a special session of the legislature, with a view to reopening the Campbell-Crawford cowhiding affair, and especially to look into the recent trial which resulted in the acquittal of Judge Campbell.

It was announced in Winchester yesterday afternoon that Mr. Patrick Russ, the millionaire capitalist of Harrisburg, Pa., will erect a trolley line between Winchester and Berryville. The distance is eleven miles, and the cost will be \$100,000. It will be the first trolley line to be built in the lower Shenandoah Valley.

Mr. Harry Tinsley, of Staunton, who has been an invalid for some time, is very ill, and was not expected to live through last night. He is well known in newspaper circles. He was editor of the Staunton Spectator up to a few years ago, and before that was connected with the Richmond Dispatch. He was at one time managing editor of the New York Evening News. He is now seventy years old.

All of the fish in the pond of Mr. C. B. Skinner, in Fauquier county, have been killed by lightning. An iron pipe emptied in the center of the pond, and barb wire had been run all through the water to prevent some hauling by trespassers. It is supposed the wire attracted the lightning. There was an immense number of dead fish, which were fed in quantities to the hogs. Some of the carp weighed as much as sixteen pounds.

Lying near the point of death at the home of his uncle, J. C. Smith, at Bluemont, Frederick county, is William Fillmore, the victim of an unusual illness. On Monday of last week he went into an iced house, while overheated, and the sudden change in temperature gave him the most violent pains in the head. Paralysis ensued, but during the week he recovered. On Sunday Mr. Fillmore attended church and after returning home he became suddenly unconscious and has remained in a stupor ever since. He is again paralyzed and the physicians who are in attendance, say he cannot recover.

BELIEVED TO BE A VIRGINIAN.—A man who registered at the Hotel Cecil, Boston, as "Dennis A. Shanahan," and is believed to be a traveling salesman, shot himself twice in the left breast yesterday afternoon, with suicidal intent. Both wounds are serious, and it is thought he cannot live through the day. He arrived at the hotel at dusk Sunday evening. He registered his address as Louisville, Ky., but from papers found in his effects it is believed his home is in Ashland, Va. He was seen in the hotel lobby twice during the evening. He retired about midnight and was not seen or heard from until 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Shortly before that hour two pistol reports were heard in the corridor. A porter and two bell boys rushed into the room. Shanahan was lying on the bed and blood was flowing from two bullet wounds in the left breast. A revolver of heavy caliber was on the floor. He was unconscious and efforts to resuscitate him met failure.

In his hand was clasped a telegram, which read: "E. A. Woolfolk, Ashland, Va.—Don't use Scottville. See letter Ashland, D. A. Shanahan." The porter gave the alarm in the office. A clerk telephoned to the Relief hospital and an ambulance was sent. At the hotel the clerks said they had no idea what caused Mr. Shanahan to shoot himself. The police telegraphed to police officials in Ashland and Louisville, acquainting them of the shooting and asking them to inform relatives or friends.

TO FIGHT COTTON SEED OIL TRUST. A big cotton seed oil corporation was incorporated at Charlotte, N. C., yesterday by the secretary of state which has for its object the undoing of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, or what is commonly known as the Cotton-seed Oil Trust. The incorporators are J. S. Spencer, president of the Commercial National Bank of that city; W. E. Holt, a millionaire cotton mill manufacturer of Charlotte; E. S. Gross, of South Carolina; and C. W. Johnston, of Charlotte. The capital stock of the corporation is \$150,000, but this only represents a portion of the money that is behind the new venture. The head offices as well as the plant of the refinery company will be located in Charlotte. At present there are eight or ten cotton oil mills in that immediate section, and it is the purpose of the new company to refine the output of these mills that are run independently of the trust. The scheme will be watched with much interest.

A Necessary Precaution. Don't neglect a cold. It is worse than a fever. It is dangerous. By using One Minute Cough Cure you can cure it at once. Allays inflammation, clears the head, soothes and strengthens the mucous membrane. Cures coughs, croup, throat and lung troubles. Absolutely safe. Acts immediately. Children like it. For sale by E. S. Leadbeater & Sons.

The best physic—Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Easy to take. Pleasant in effect. For sale by Richard Gibson, Druggist.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

ASSEMBLING FOR THE SHAM BATTLE.

Gloucester, Mass., Aug. 19.—The North Atlantic squadron of Rear Admiral Higginson, anchored off Rockport, was augmented this morning by the arrival of seven torpedo boats. It is supposed that they will be used to prevent the imaginary enemy from getting through the naval line. Despite all the secrecy it is said on good authority that the manoeuvres will begin Wednesday. The enemy's ships, under Captain Pillsbury, will try to pass Admiral Higginson's fleet, and attack New York. Captain Pillsbury's vessels are the cruisers Prairie and Panther and the supply ship Supply. The Prairie and Panther are reported to be at Plymouth. When last heard from, with certainty they were coaling at East Lamone, Maine.

Washington, D. C., August 19.—For days past officials of the bureau of navigation have been busy planning the campaign against the mysterious "enemy" who is scheduled to appear off the New England coast tomorrow or next day. Everything is believed to be in readiness now for this reception. Scout ships are at strategic points along the coast waiting the signal to go for him. This signal is expected tomorrow in the shape of a telegram that he has been "sighted" at a certain latitude and longitude within a day's sail from the shore. The heavier vessels of the North Atlantic squadron have been so disposed of as to prevent his striking the coast should he get past the scout ships undetected. This little war game, which precedes the general joint manoeuvres of the army and navy beginning next week, is called the "naval search problem." The "enemy's" squadron, in command of Capt. Pillsbury, consists of the Prairie, his flagship; the Panther and the Supply, auxiliary cruisers. In figuring up the results of the game they are to be taken as representing a much larger force. If Commander Pillsbury can succeed in reaching the coast without being opposed by a force larger than that which he is supposed to represent, he wins. Otherwise Rear Admiral Higginson, in command of the defending force, the North Atlantic squadron, wins. It will be a bloodless, noiseless, war from start to finish. Guns will be trained, but not fired. There was some talk of using blank charges, but the expenditure of powder that this would require was not thought to be necessary to the solution of the problem.

There is activity also at army headquarters, in preparation for the second war, wherein the entire North Atlantic squadron will make a mimic attack on the defenses of New York harbor. The defending force in this case will be the army under command of General MacArthur. In this war the signal corps and the artillery will play the most important parts. It will be the duty of the former to detect the approach of the "enemy's" ships and communicate the news to threatened points as speedily as possible. Balloons, wireless telegraphy and other improved methods will be employed. Upon the artillery rests the burden of preventing the approach of the ships. Should they get past the forts without technically being put out of action, then the cavalry and infantry will endeavor to prevent the sailormen from landing and employing their guns. Army officers on the ships and navy officers at the forts will act as the judges of the contest. It is presumed that the attack will be made at night or early in the morning, about September 1.

THE STRIKE SITUATION.

Mahanoy City, Pa., Aug. 19.—After the shooting of Patrick Sharp, the strike leader, no further disturbance occurred, at Nesquehoning in the Panther Creek Valley during the night. Hundreds of strikers walked the streets of the town all night, however, and the situation at several times grew grave and threatening.

The civil authorities with the help of the cooler headed miners succeeded in pacifying the men. At daybreak a battalion of the Twelfth regiment consisting of five companies arrived on the scene from Shenandoah. Five deputies are now confined in the Mauch Chunk jail charged with being implicated in the riotous situation at Shenandoah continues quiet.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Aug. 19.—The Warnke Bros. are determined to start their washery at Duryea tomorrow. This morning at 6 o'clock forty new men arrived on a special car. Steam has been gotten up and every preparation made for tomorrow's resumption. Duryea at the present time, seems to be the pivotal point of the strike situation, and the attention of all interested in the present trouble seems directed toward it.

While the Warnkes are determined to make an effort to resume operations, tomorrow, the strikers manifest equal determination to prevent any such move; they also realize that this, while only a washery, under ordinary circumstances employing fifty men, is the storm centre at the present time. That trouble is feared tomorrow is shown by the active preparations being made to meet any move on the part of the strikers calculated to prevent the starting of the works.

Additional arms have been procured, the force of coal and iron policemen has been augmented and other preparations made to prevent any interference from the strikers when the second determined effort is made to start the works.

Scranton, Pa., Aug. 19.—Two men were shot from ambush at the Edgerton colliery, near Mayfield, about 11 o'clock last night. Michael Connolly, a foreman at the Edgerton, and Forest Crossman are the victims of the night assassination. At the hospital this morning Crossman's right leg was amputated. The shooting has aroused the indignation of the community. The Edgerton washery has been working steadily for the past several weeks. The people in the vicinity, all strikers, have not molested the workmen in any way.

Lansford, Pa., Aug. 19.—The presence of troops has restored Panther Creek Valley to a state of absolute quiet. Five companies of the Twelfth regiment, under the personal command of Brig.-Gen. Gobin, are now encamped in a pavilion at Mauch Chunk, situated midway between this city and Tanamora. This morning George Ronemus, one of the deputies, in last night's fracas, at Nesquehoning, gave himself up to the authorities as Patrick Sharp's slayer. He was hurried to Mauch Chunk jail, where he will be held pending developments. He claims to have shot Sharp in self defense. Deputy McElroy, who was arrested last night, charged with killing Sharp, is still in jail.

Joe Ullman, the bookmaker, who is now at Scranton, says that \$2,000,000 a day is bet at that track and that it is five times greater than last year. The money comes from a great assembly of rich men who are willing to bet from \$100 to \$1,000 on their choices.

THE CROP REPORT.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 19.—The general summary of crop conditions for the week, issued by the Weather Bureau today, says: "The week has not been favorable for the rapid maturing of crops in the northeastern districts east of the Missouri Valley, where it has been abnormally cool, while hot and generally dry weather prevailed in the southern States, and the protracted drought continues in the middle Rocky Mountain districts. Drought has been relieved in Washington, and generally favorable conditions prevailed in the Pacific Coast States. Corn continues in very promising condition in the principal corn States. Spring wheat harvest is nearly finished in the Dakotas, and has progressed under favorable conditions in Northern Minnesota. In Iowa wheat in shock has been injured, and a large percentage ruined by wet weather. Further reports of damage to oats in shock are received from the Ohio and upper Mississippi valleys.

"Late cotton has improved in the Carolinas, Mississippi and Louisiana, and in portions of Missouri and Tennessee. Rust and shedding are very generaly reported throughout the belt, with premature opening in portions of Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina. In Texas cotton is opening rapidly but the crop is deteriorating on account of excessive heat, shedding, and ravages of boll-worms and weevil."

A HEINOUS CRIME.

Jefferson, O., Aug. 19.—John Crooms, a negro, broke into the home of Harriet and Sabrina Hopkins, last night, and terribly assaulted the two women. The women live alone and each is about 30 years old. They are feeble and poor. Both are mangled and nearly killed. The injury and shock is likely to prove fatal. The negro has been arrested and the jail is surrounded by a large mob ready to lynch him. He was fully identified by his hat being found after the assault in the Hopkins home. While the men are inclined to let the law take its course, the women have organized and demand that Crooms be lynched. They call the men cowards. The Hopkins women were bitten and chewed as if by a wild beast and present a horrible appearance.

CHARGED WITH ASSAULT.

Pennsboro, N. J., Aug. 19.—When Charles Munion came to town yesterday to make arrangements for the funeral of his wife, who died in Philadelphia, he was placed under arrest on a charge of drugging and assaulting 16-year-old Clara King, of Paulsboro. William Vanderslice was arrested as an accomplice. The warrant for the arrest of the two men was sworn out by the girl's father. It was alleged that Vanderslice, who was paying attention to Miss King, took her to Munion's house, while the latter's wife lay ill in Philadelphia. That was on June 14, and it is charged that the men gave the girl "knock-out drops," kept her a prisoner in the house until the next night, during which time she was repeatedly maltreated.

BOER GENERALS IN HOLLAND. Rotterdam, Aug. 19.—The Boer Generals De Wet, Delarey, and Botha arrived here at 10 o'clock this morning. The programme for today includes a visit to ex-President Steyn of the Orange Free State, who is at Scheveningen, from which place they will go to Utrecht to see former President Kruger. The generals will then go to Brussels to attend the funeral of General Lucas Meyer. Queen Wilhelmina has expressed a desire to see "the glorious trio," as they are called in Holland. Her majesty has extended a most cordial invitation to them to visit Het Loo.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Senor Arlaño, the Spanish Ambassador to Buenos Ayres, will leave Madrid shortly on a secret mission to Cuba.

A rumor was current in Madrid yesterday evening that an attempt had been made on King Alfonso's life at Pampeluna. The rumor proved to be without foundation.

A pontoon conveying a detachment of Russian infantry across the Amur river near Pashkova today, sank and five officers, thirty men and about seventy Chinese camp followers were drowned.

Bishop Kelley, of Savannah, speaking to Cardinal Rampolla in Rome today regarding the religious question of the Philippines, said the great majority of American Catholics are opposed to the measures proposed by the government at Washington, regarding the friars in the islands.

The Shah of Persia received the London diplomatic corps at Marlborough House today. He startled the diplomats with the number and variety of the diamonds he wore. The value of the stones which adorned his person is computed at \$3,750,000. He visited Madame Tassauds London Eden Musee this afternoon. During the passage through the chambers of horrors, His Majesty kept himself surrounded by members of his suite, and kept concealed as much as possible.

UNCARED FOR BY FORMER FRIENDS. Newport, R. I., Aug. 19.—Robert R. Remington's body still lies abandoned by his society friends in an undertaker's workshop. It was a lady boarder in the same boarding house where he stopped, and not Miss Van Allen, who sent the carriages which lay on the sheet covering his form. His brother wires that he will be here this afternoon but otherwise his undertakers have heard nothing since they were told by the club people to rush the body off their premises. The suddenness with which he was dropped when dead after having been the recipient of many invitations to all prominent social functions is causing much comment among town-people. The message that he dispatched just before taking his life, it is said, would create a great sensation if it became public, but the club people have carefully sealed every source of information.

QUESTION ANSWERED.

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